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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 4204

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS

1. KUWAIT PRESS ON JULY 29 AND 30 REPORTED THAT, ACCORDING TO "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES," THE EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE EXPECTED TO MEET IN KUWAIT ON AUGUST 9 IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE RETURN OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ONE PAPER SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF THE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT BE A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT SADAT AND LIBYA'S QADHAFI. ACCORDING TO THESE PRESS REPORTS, KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER DABAH AL-AHMAD WOULD PRESENT A DETAILED REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' MEETING JULY 31 CONCERNING HIS EFFORTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALGERIA'S PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND PLO LEADER YASSAR ARAFAT, TO MEDIATE THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT.

2. ACTING DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S
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OFFICE SHAIKH MUBARAK JABER AL-AHMAD AL-SABAH TOLD ME JULY 30 THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD IN KUWAIT DURING THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO MUBARAK, WHEN SABAH AL-AHMAD OFFERED KUWAIT AS THE SITE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY ACCEPTED A

SIMILAR OFFER OF ALGERIA'S PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. HOWEVER, SADAT REQUESTED THAT KUWAIT'S OFFER BE KEPT OPEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE IN CASE LIBYA (WHICH APPARETNLY HAD NOT INDICATED ITS ACCEPTANCE) PREFERRED KUWAIT TO ALGIERS.

3. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR COULD NOT CONFIRM THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING IN KUWAIT OR ELSEWHERE, ADMITTING THAT "LIKE THE HUSBAND, HE IS ALWAYS THE LAST TO HEAR."
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